

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/287,631

Applicant(s)
Eby et al.

Examiner
Allan Kuhns

Group Art Unit
1732

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Allan Kuhns

(3) Jerewmy Stipkala

(2) Louis Troilo

(4) _____

Date of Interview Feb 16, 2000

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed 33 (revised)

Identification of prior art discussed:

Clark (4,022,643), Erb et al. (3,773,545), Japanese 1-110123 and 8-244060

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

A discussion was held concerning the above prior art, at least some of which teach a combination of mechanical and chemical embossing. However, applicants' representatives argued that each of these references is deficient in that they either fail to teach the claimed (proposed) relative depths of mechanical and chemical embossing or they fail to teach the inclusion of a wear layer, or they fail to teach the making of a floor covering. The examiner will take these arguments into consideration when acting on the application (after receipt of supplement amendment).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

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Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.